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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL SWEDISH BUSINESS GROUP'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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1. ALTHOUGH FINAL PLANS ARE NOT COMPLETE, VISIT TO U.S. OF HIGH-LEVEL SWEDIY BUSINESS GROUP WILL BEGIN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FEBRUARY 24, 25 AND 26. WASHINGTON LEG OF VISIT TENTATIVELY WILL INCLUDE CALLS ON HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS, AND U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. GROUP WILL DEPART AT 1700 HOURS JANUARY 26FROM WASHINGTON TO GO TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND OTHER SELECTED CITIES IN U.S.

2. SWEDISH GROUP WILL HE HEADED BY PRINCE BERTIL. OTHERS INCLUDE: PEHR GYLLENHAMMAR, PRESIDENT OF VOLVO; PETER WALLENBERG, DIRECTOR OF SEBANK; AMBASSADOR GUNNAR JARRING OF AXEL JOHNSON GGUP; ERNAND WALDENSTROM, WORKING CHAIRMAN OF GRANGES; ULF LAUVIN, PRESIDENT OF PLM (METALS) OF MALMO; ECONOMIC PROFESSOR GORAN OHLIN OF UPPSALA UNIVERSITY; BO RYDIN, PRESIDENT OF SCA (SVENSKA CELLULOSA); AKE PALM, PRESIDENT OF BOLIDEN; AND AXEL IVEROTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GF FEDERATION OF SWEDISH INDUSTRIES. POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS ARE TORE BROWALDH, PRESIDENT OF HANDELSBANKEN AND ARNE WESTERBERG, PRESIDENT OF SANDVIKEN (SPECIAL STEEL).

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3. SWEDISH GROUP WILL BE VISITING IN PRIVATE CAPACITY

AND WILL HAVE AS ITS PURPOSE TO OBSERVE U.S.  
ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS CONDITIONS, I.E. A FACT FINDING MISSION.

4. TO FINALIZE DETAILS OF VISIT, AXEL IVEROTH AND ANDERS  
PERS OF FEDERATION OF SWEDISH INDUSTRIES PLAN TO BE IN  
WASHINGTON BEGINNING JANUARY 27. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE  
ASSISTANCE OF YUKIO KAWAMOTO OF CU VISITORS PROGRAM  
BEGINNING AFTERNOON OF 27TH. PLEASE INFORM.

5. THE PRINCE BERTIL-LED HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS GROUP VISIT  
TO U.S. IS FIRST IN RECENT YEARS. SWEDISH BUSINESS,  
THEREFORE, ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO TRIP. EMBASSY REQUESTS  
THAT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES BE EXTENDED  
TO GROUP IF CALLED UPON.  
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